

## CHAPTER 86

### LOBBYIST REGISTRATIONS AND CLIENT REPORTS

H.F. 126

AN ACT relating to the filing of lobbyist registrations and lobbyist's client reports with the general assembly.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 68B.36, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

**68B.36 Applicability — lobbyist registration required.**

1. All lobbyists shall, on or before the day their lobbying activity begins, register by electronically filing a lobbyist's registration statement at times and in the manner provided in this section. In addition to any other information required by the general assembly and the board, a lobbyist shall identify in the registration statement all clients of the lobbyist and whether the lobbyist will also be lobbying the executive branch. Lobbyists engaged in lobbying activities before the general assembly and before the office of the governor or any state agency shall file the statement with the chief clerk of the house of representatives or the secretary of the senate. Lobbyists engaged in lobbying activities before the office of the governor or any state agency shall file the statement with the board. The chief clerk of the house and the secretary of the senate shall provide appropriate registration forms to lobbyists before the general assembly. The board shall prescribe appropriate registration forms for lobbyists before the office of the governor and state agencies establish an internet site for the electronic filing of lobbyist registrations.

2. Registration shall be valid from the date of registration until ~~the expiration of the registration period for the type of lobbying in which the person will be engaging the end of the calendar year.~~ Any change in or addition to the information shall be registered within ten days after the change or addition is known to the lobbyist. ~~Changes or additions for executive branch lobbyists shall be filed with the board. Changes or additions for registrations of lobbyists of the general assembly shall be filed with either the chief clerk of the house or the secretary of the senate.~~

3. ~~For persons registered to lobby before the general assembly, registration expires upon the commencement of the next regular session of the general assembly, except that the chief clerk of the house and the secretary of the senate may adopt and implement a reasonable preregistration procedure in advance of each regular session during which persons may register for that session and the following legislative interim. For persons registered to lobby before the office of the governor or a state agency, registration expires upon the commencement of a new calendar year. The board may adopt and implement a reasonable preregistration procedure in advance of each new calendar year during which persons may register for that year. Beginning December 1 of each year, a person may preregister to lobby for the following calendar year.~~

4. ~~If a lobbyist's service on behalf of all clients, employers, or causes is concluded prior to the end of the calendar year, the lobbyist may cancel the registration on appropriate forms supplied by the board, the chief clerk of the house, or the secretary of the senate. The cancellation forms shall be filed by the lobbyist in the place where the lobbyist filed the original registration by electronically filing a notice of cancellation with the chief clerk of the house or the secretary of the senate. Upon cancellation of registration, a lobbyist is prohibited from engaging in any lobbying activity on behalf of any employer, client, or cause until reregistering and complying with the rules of the board or the general assembly.~~

5. Federal, state, and local officials who wish to lobby in opposition to the official position of their departments, commissions, boards, or agencies must indicate this on their lobbyist registration statements.

6. The chief clerk of the house or the secretary of the senate shall post all lobbyist registrations in a searchable database on an internet site. The board shall establish a link on the internet site of the board to the lobbyist registration information on the general assembly's internet site.

Sec. 2. Section 68B.38, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

**68B.38 Lobbyist's client reporting.**

1. On or before July 31 of each year, a lobbyist's client shall electronically file with the general assembly ~~and board~~ a report that contains information on all salaries, fees, retainers, and reimbursement of expenses paid by the lobbyist's client to the lobbyist for lobbying purposes during the preceding twelve calendar months, concluding on June 30 of each year. The amount reported to the general assembly ~~and the board~~ shall include the total amount of all salaries, fees, retainers, and reimbursement of expenses paid to a lobbyist for lobbying both the legislative and executive branches.

2. ~~Reports by a lobbyist's clients shall be filed with the same entity with which the lobbyist filed the lobbyist's registration.~~ The chief clerk of the house and the secretary of the senate shall establish an internet site for the filing of lobbyist's client reports in an electronic format.

3. ~~The secretary of the senate, chief clerk of the house, and the board shall develop forms to implement this section.~~ The chief clerk of the house and the secretary of the senate shall post all lobbyist's client reports filed pursuant to this section in a searchable database on an internet site. The board shall establish a link on the internet site of the board to the lobbyist's client report information on the general assembly's internet site.

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